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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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TSUYOSHI KUROKI )  
: ) Group Art Unit: 2171  
Application No.: 10/779,690 )  
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Filed: February 18, 2004 )  
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For: INFORMATION )  
PROCESSING METHOD, )  
INFORMATION )  
PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
AND DISTRIBUTED )  
PROCESSING SYSTEM : July 8, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

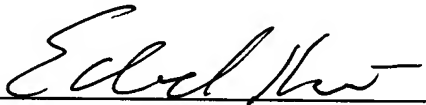
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Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the

claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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